



the claim:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second impact cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

Claim 2 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip is composed of elastic material.

Claim 3 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the second cushioning strip has a length shorter than the first predetermined length of the first strip.

Claim 4 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first strip and the second cushioning strip are of substantially equal width.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip comprises a non-woven polymer fiber base material.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first strip maintains its self-adhering capability when wet.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip is elastic in a longitudinal direction.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The gripping bandage of claim 1 wherein the first self-adhering strip is elastic in a latitudinal direction.

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claim 11 (currently amended) The gripping bandage of claim 1 [[10]] wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a leather base material, natural or artificial.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The gripping bandage of claim 1 [[10]] wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a foam base material.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The gripping bandage of claim 1 [[10]] wherein the second cushioning strip comprises a fabric base material.

Claim 14 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first pre-determined length;

a second cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, and bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger; and

the first self adhering strip comprising a non-woven polymer fiber base material with elastic threads extending through the fiber base material in a longitudinal direction.

Claim 15 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising;

a first self-adhering strip having a first pre-determined length;

a second cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, and bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger; and

the first self-adhering strip comprising a non-woven polymer fiber base material and a layer of latex.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising;

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, and bonded to the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger,

an insert strip disposed between the first self-adhering strip and the second cushioning strip.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The gripping bandage of claim 14 [[16]] wherein the insert strip comprises at least one layer of foam material.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The gripping bandage of claim 14 [[16]] wherein the insert strip comprises at least one layer of cotton based material.

Claim 19 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger portion of a glove to protect the finger inside the glove when the glove is worn when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second impact cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is disposed over a finger portion of the glove and the glove is worn when using a sports or hand tool implement.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a double sided glue tape strip applied to a portion of surface of the first self-adhering strip;

a second elastic impact cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a coat of adhesive material applied to a portion of surface of the first self-adhering strip;

a second impact cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

Claim 22 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second impact cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip by sewing;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.

Claim 23 (currently amended) A gripping bandage adapted to be disposed over a finger to protect the finger when using a sports or hand tool implement, the bandage comprising:

a first self-adhering strip having a first predetermined length;

a second impact cushioning strip with non-slip surface, which comprises a flexible, non-self-adhering material, overlying a portion of, permanently and sealingly bonded to, the first self-adhering strip by gluing and sewing;

the second cushioning strip providing protection from abrasion and pressure when the bandage is applied to a finger.